



HOGS & PIGS

Kansas Inventory Up 7 Percent

The December 1 inventory for **hogs and pigs** on Kansas farms totaled 1.63 million head, up 7 percent from December 1, 2002 but 1 percent below September 1, 2003.

Hogs and pigs kept for breeding purposes totaled 160,000 head, unchanged from last year but down 3 percent from September 1, 2003. Breeding stock accounted for 9.8 percent of all hogs and pigs. Market hogs accounted for the remaining 90.2 percent of the total inventory, at 1.47 million head. Market hog inventory was 7 percent above a year ago but 1 percent below September 1, 2003. Market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds totaled 510,000 head, up 16 percent from a year ago. The 60-119 pound weight group, at 285,000 head, was down 11 percent from 2002. The 120-179 pound weight group totaled 270,000 head, down 7 percent from a year ago. The 180 pound and over weight group, at 405,000 head, was up 27 percent from a year ago.

June-November Pig Crop

The June-November pig crop totaled 1,379,000 head, 2 percent below a year ago. Sows farrowing during this period, at 158,000 head, were 2 percent below a year ago with an average litter rate of 8.73. June-August farrowings of 77,000 sows were 6 percent below a year ago with an average of 8.75 pigs per litter. Farrowings during September-November totaled 81,000 sows, a 3 percent increase from the previous year with a litter rate of 8.70 pigs.

Farrowing Intentions

Kansas farmers intend to farrow 82,000 sows in the December-February quarter, up 8 percent from the preceding year. For the March-May quarter, expected farrowings are estimated at 82,000 sows, down 1 percent from last year.

Hogs and Pigs Inventory, December 1, Seventeen Major States

State	2002	2003	2003 % of 2002	State	2002	2003	2003 % of 2002
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head		Percent
Colorado	790	770	97	Ohio	1,440	1,520	106
Illinois	4,150	3,950	95	Oklahoma	2,340	2,340	100
Indiana	3,200	3,100	97	Pennsylvania	1,080	1,100	102
Iowa	15,600	15,800	101	S.Dakota	1,310	1,260	96
KANSAS	1,530	1,630	107	Texas	930	930	100
Michigan	860	950	110	Virginia	400	370	93
Minnesota	6,000	6,400	107	Wisconsin	520	490	94
Missouri	2,950	2,950	100				
Nebraska	2,950	2,900	98	United States	59,513	60,040	101
N.Carolina	9,700	9,900	102				

U.S. Inventory Up 1 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2003, was 60.0 million head. This was 1 percent above December 2002 but slightly below September 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2002 but 1 percent above last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.1 million head, was 1 percent above last year but slightly below last quarter.

2003 Pig Crop

The September-November 2003 **U.S.** pig crop, at 25.3 million head, was 2 percent more than 2002 but 1 percent below 2001. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, 1 percent above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.93 pigs saved per litter for the September-November 2003 period, compared to 8.83 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Farrowing Intentions

U.S. producers intend to have 2.81 million sows farrow during the December 2003-February 2004 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2003 but 1 percent below 2002. Intended farrowings during March-May 2004, at 2.85 million sows, are 1 percent below the same period in 2003 and 3 percent below 2002.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2002 through September 2003 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, small adjustments of less than one-half percent were made to the March 2003 total inventory and 1 percent to the June 2003 and September 2003 total inventories. An adjustment of less than one-half percent was made to the December 2002- February 2003 pig crop and a 2 percent adjustment was made to the March-May 2003.

NOTICE: USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service announced on December 11, 2003 that it will permanently remove the operations-related estimates from the December 2003 **Quarterly Hogs and Pigs** report, the January 2004 **Cattle** report, The January 2004 **Sheep** report, and the February 2004 **Milk Production** report. These annual livestock operation estimates will be combined into a single **Livestock Operations** report that will be published in Spring 2004. This change will allow a more complete analysis of the estimates in consideration of the 2002 Census of Agriculture data.

Beginning December 2004, annual livestock operation estimates, farm numbers, and land in farms will be combined into a new single report released annually.



Farrowings Intentions: Number of Sows, 2003-2004 1/

Period	Kansas			United States		
	2003	2004		2003	2004	
	Number (000)	Number (000)	% of 2003	Number (000)	Number (000)	% of 2003
Dec. <u>2</u> /-Feb.	76	82	108	2,765	2,806	101
March-May	83	82	99	2,881	2,846	99
December-May	159	164	103	5,645	5,652	100

1/ May not add due to rounding. 2/ December preceding year.

Hogs and Pigs: Number On Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop
Kansas and U.S., 2002-2003

Item	Kansas			United States		
	2002	2003		2002	2003	
	Number (000)	Number (000)	% of 2002	Number (000)	Number (000)	% of 2002
No. on farms Dec. 1						
All hogs and pigs	1,530	1,630	107	59,513	60,040	101
Kept for breeding	160	160	100	6,012	5,966	99
Market	1,370	1,470	107	53,501	54,074	101
Under 60 pounds	440	510	116	19,461	19,821	102
60-119 pounds	320	285	92	13,054	13,250	102
120-179 pounds	290	270	93	10,881	10,839	100
180 pounds & over	320	405	123	10,105	10,164	101
Sows Farrowing						
December <u>1</u> /-February	79	76	96	2,836	2,765	97
March-May	82	83	101	2,943	2,881	98
December-May <u>2</u> /	161	159	99	5,779	5,645	98
June-August	82	77	94	2,887	2,825	98
September-November	79	81	103	2,817	2,836	101
June-November <u>2</u> /	161	158	98	5,704	5,660	99
Pig Crop						
December <u>1</u> /-February	664	646	97	24,794	24,359	98
March-May	718	706	98	25,959	25,583	99
December-May <u>2</u> /	1,382	1,352	98	50,752	49,942	98
June-August	718	674	94	25,700	25,150	98
September-November	687	705	103	24,892	25,314	102
June-November <u>2</u> /	1,405	1,379	98	50,592	50,464	100
Annual Total	2,787	2,731	98	101,344	100,406	99
Pigs per Litter						
December <u>1</u> /-February	8.40	8.50	101	8.74	8.81	101
March-May	8.75	8.50	97	8.82	8.88	101
December-May	8.58	8.50	99	8.78	8.85	101
June-August	8.75	8.75	100	8.90	8.90	100
September-November	8.70	8.70	100	8.83	8.93	101
June-November	8.73	8.73	100	8.87	8.92	101

1/ December preceding year. 2/ May not add due to rounding.